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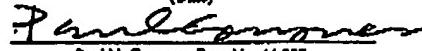
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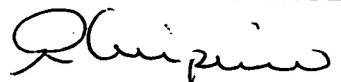
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII)**

PETITION GRANTED



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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII), Applicants hereby petition to make the present Application special in order to advance its examination in the Patent and Trademark Office. A check for payment of the fee of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

The claims of the Application are believed to be directed to a single invention. However, if a restriction requirement is deemed necessary, Applicants respectfully request that prompt telephone notice be given to Applicants' undersigned counsel, at which time Applicants will make an election without traverse. A pre-examination search was conducted in the following classes and subclasses: 152/151, 345.1, 375, 378R, 378W, 379.4, 379.5, 380, 381.3, 381.4, 382, 394, 397.5, 411, 454, 456, 523, 544, DIG. 6, DIG. 7, DIG. 9, DIG. 12, DIG. 15, DIG. 17, DIG. 18, DIG. 20; 301/8, 5.1, 5.23, 35.1, 36.3, 37.1, 37.22, 37.23, 37.27, 37.28, 37.33, 37.36, 37.43, 39.1, 40.3, 40.5, 40.6, 52, 63.1, 65, 67, 95, 96, 97; D12/134, 135, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 210, 213; and D21/563. Applicants submit with this Petition a copy of each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.